

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **2007-08 ANNUAL REPORT**

The San José Municipal Code section 2.08.3820 states that the functions, powers and duties of the Parks and Recreation Commission are to:

*“Study, review and evaluate and make recommendations to the council, city manager and other department heads respecting existing and/or proposed parks, recreation, and community services, facilities and programs; their use and operation; the extent and nature of the services to be rendered to the public; the financing of parks, recreation, and community service facilities and their operations and services; and other matters respecting the city’s parks, recreation and community services system.”*

### **2007-08 COMMISSION ACTIONS AS THEY APPLY TO THE DUTIES OUTLINED IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE:**

*Study, review, evaluate and make recommendations to the council, city manager and other department heads respecting existing and/or proposed parks, recreation, and community services, facilities and programs...*

#### Letters of Support and Recommendation

- Letter to Council regarding PDC07-015
- Letter to Council and the Planning Commission regarding proposed projects in North San José
- Letter to Council regarding support of the San José Railroad Museum Park at Guadalupe River Park
- Letter to the Council and Planning Commission regarding support of spring 2008 General Plan Amendment proposals
- Letter to Council regarding support of Facility Reuse Policy
- Letter to Council regarding support of formation of Willow Glen Spur (Three Rivers) Trail Focus Group

#### Review and Evaluation of Reports

- Accepted report and made recommendations on the “Parks and Recreation Element for North San José Development Area Policy”
- Approved Facility Reuse Policy

- Approval of draft City Policy updates relevant to Public Private Partnerships
- Review and approval of six Greenprint Update Status Reports
- Reviewed 51 planning applications; and made 49 recommendations to the Planning Commission

#### Recommendations of Master Plan, Master Plan Amendments, and Schematic Designs

- Newhall Park Master Plan
- Towers Lane Park Master Plan
- Lower Silver Creek Trail Master Plan
- New turnkey park at Samaritan Drive and Cooper Avenue Master Plan
- New turnkey park at 139 Fleming Avenue Master Plan
- Vista Montana Park Master Plan
- Coyote Creek Trail - Highway 101 to Story Road Master Plan
- Los Gatos Creek Trail – Auzerais Avenue to San Carlos Street Master Plan
- Del Monte Park Master Plan
- Watson Park Master Plan
- Amendment to Aborn Park Master Plan to include a play lot
- Edenvale Community Center schematic design

#### Park and/or Facility Naming

- Public hearing and recommendation for naming of “Luna Park”
- Public hearing and recommendation for naming of “Richardson Park”
- Joint public hearing and recommendation with the Library Commission for naming of “Bascom Library and Community Center”
- Joint public hearing and recommendation with the Library Commission for naming of “Seventrees Community Center and Branch Library”
- Public hearing and recommendation for naming of “Carolyn Norris Park”
- Public hearing and recommendation for naming of “Fleming Park”
- Public hearing and recommendation for naming of “Falls Creek Park”
- Public hearing and recommendation for naming of “Edenvale Community Center”
- Public hearing and recommendation for naming of “San Antonio Tot Lot”
- Public hearing and recommendation for naming of “Madden Park”

#### *Their use and operation...*

- Held public hearing to solicit testimony on potential public smoking ban in City of San José parks
- Letter to Rules and Open Government Committee regarding Proposed Charter Amendment extending the duration of leases on City parks
- Acceptance of Oral Report on Golf Course Operational Study Including: Sports Authority Update: First Tee of San Jose
- Endorsement of Willow Senior Center Site for Fire Station 37

*The extent and nature of the services to be rendered to the public...*

- Approval to submit KaBOOM! Playful Cities Application
- Letter to Council and Planning Commission regarding Coyote Valley Specific Plan to be heard in conjunction with the General Plan Update
- Accepted “Status of Sports Complex Sites” report

*The financing of parks, recreation, and community service facilities and their operations and services...*

- Letter to Council regarding support of the Secondary Units Program
- Letter to the Planning Department regarding the in-lieu fees for the Secondary Unit Pilot Program
- Public hearing to solicit input for Citywide Aquatics Program Fee Structure
- Approved changes to Fees and Charges for the Citywide Aquatics Program
- Approval of recommendation on Secondary Unit Parkland In-Lieu Fee
- Letter to City Council regarding review and approval of Extraordinary Benefit
- Letter to City Council and Stakeholder Task Force regarding C&C Tax
- Public Hearing to Approve Proposed Adjustment to Park In-Lieu Fees (PDO/PIO)
- Letter of support to the City Council of the City Manager’s budget proposals related to financing of parks maintenance
- COC – Review of draft Annual FY 2006-07 Status Report
- COC - Approval of Annual FY 2006-07 Status Report on the Parks and Recreation Bond Projects

*And other matters respecting the city’s parks, recreation and community services system.*

- Commissioner representation (2) appointed to serve on the Martial Cottle Park Master Plan process
- Letter to the Planning Department regarding allowing an additional seat on the Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force
- Commission representative on the North San José Task Force
- Approval of Commissioners to participate in PRNS Deputy Director interviews
- Selection of Commissioner to Attend Planning Commission Meeting regarding Riparian Corridor
- Letter to Prusch Farm Park Foundation in recognition of installation of historic windmill
- Approved staff’s recommendation for revisions to the Liaison Report